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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Hitoshi SAITO

Application No.: 10/684,469

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Art Unit: 2627

For: RECORDING MEDIA DRIVE DEVICE WITH  
FREELY-DETACHABLE FRONT PANEL  
AND A FREELY-DETACHABLE EJECT  
BUTTON (AS AMENDED)

Examiner: Craig A. Renner

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the non-final Office Action dated October 31, 2006, the period for response being extended to February 28, 2007, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith; please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.